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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Raikes a question about his novel.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I was noticing that Section 37 allows Class I school districts to amend the General Fund budget of the expenditures after October 15th. In this area, I think this represents probably an expansion of power for Class I districts that are affiliated with high school districts. Would that be accurate?

SENATOR RAIKES: It is...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: They can amend their budget after October 15th for, it says in the bill, expenditures that board deems essential that could not reasonably have been anticipated at the time the budget was adopted. What kind of expenditures...I'm sure you have the benefit of hearings, so I...what kind of expenditures were going to fall under that category? Because I'm wondering who's going to police this. So what if they go ahead and do it? Who...I'm sure the high school district is going to be upset. Taxpayers may be upset if those figures tend to get higher than can be anticipated. Can you stretch an emergency or unusual...can you just simply sandbag, if you will, till after October 15th and then add a teacher, those kinds of things?

SENATOR RAIKES: The...the examples that I think of, Senator, would be, for example, you have a Class I with five students, for example. A family moves in, in November, with...or two families move in with five students each, so all of a sudden your enrollment in the school district triples. Or if you would...you would have the arrival at the school of a high-needs student, a special ed student or something like that, that is the...that's the intent. Now, it also should be mentioned that there's no taxing authority. You can't...you can't adjust your tax request, but probably it's unrealistic in the situations that I have described to assume that there wouldn't be any